

24. The method of claim 23, further comprising coupling the gasket *in situ* between the faceplate and the box.

25. The method of claim 23, wherein providing the gasket comprises forming the gasket as a separate element prior to placing the gasket between the faceplate and the box.

26. The method of claim 23, further comprising forming the gasket on one or more surfaces of the faceplate prior to coupling the faceplate to the box.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein the gasket is formed by establishing a coating of the fire retardant material onto the faceplate.

28. The method of claim 23, wherein the fire retardant material comprises intumescent material.

29. The method of claim 23, wherein the fire retardant material comprises fire resistant insulative material.

30. A method of assisting a compromised barrier, comprising:

- a) providing a gasket comprising intumescent material;
- b) placing the intumescent gasket between a faceplate and an electrical box adapted to be introduced into the barrier;
- c) coupling the faceplate to the box; and

d) at least partially reestablishing a fire rating of the barrier.

31. The method of claim 30, further comprising coupling the gasket *in situ* between the faceplate and the box.

32. The method of claim 30, wherein providing the gasket comprises forming the gasket as a separate element prior to placing the gasket between the faceplate and the box.

33. The method of claim 30, further comprising forming the gasket on one or more surfaces of the faceplate prior to coupling the faceplate to the box.

34. The method of claim 33, wherein the gasket is formed by establishing a coating of the fire retardant material onto the faceplate.

35. A method of assisting a compromised barrier, comprising:

- a) providing a faceplate for an electrical box adapted to be introduced into the barrier;
- b) forming a gasket on the faceplate, the gasket comprising fire retardant material;
- c) coupling the faceplate to the box; and
- d) at least partially reestablishing a fire rating of the barrier.

36. The method of claim 35, wherein the gasket is formed by establishing a coating of the fire retardant material onto the faceplate.--